

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
July 12, 2021**

A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notices being duly and continuously posted.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present - Mayor Grove, Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

Absent - NONE

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Economic Development Director Leah Inman, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Deputy Clerk Brent Bader. Treasurer Virginia Kochanowski, Attorney Jim McPhederan, Finance Director John Duncan, Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Watson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held June 28, 2021. Each and every aldermen has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:32 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to open the Public Hearing concerning the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2021-2022 and related matters.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Finance Director Duncan began by saying that notice of tonight's Public Hearing was published in the NewsTribune and posted on the City's website along with a copy of the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. Copies were also available at the City Hall. He explained that a very lengthy Finance meeting was held on June 7, 2021 where the proposed appropriations were reviewed in detail.

Aldermen Ptak wanted to remind everyone present that this is an appropriations ordinance and not a budget. An appropriation is like a wish list. The council will still be watching the bottom line of the general fund.

Attorney McPhedran wanted all to know that many things may be appropriated but not necessarily done in a given year.

Alderman Herndon wanted all residents and taxpayers to understand how fine of a job Finance Director Duncan has done and all the directors have been holding back the reins in their designated departments. He also stated that the council has knocked down numerous bonds in the last nine years.

6:37 p.m. Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Laveiri to close the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at:

- 2225 Malcolm Ave to install gas service.
- 2265 Aplington Street to repair a gas leak.
- 1250 Bucklin to repair gas leak.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from Tammy Humpage on behalf of the St. Jude Run to hold a Tag Day Collection on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets. Each and every aldermen has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to send the request from Sean Zarbock, of 1603 Argyle Road, to make the west side of the 1600 block of Argyle Road no parking to the Street, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Sam Patel was asked to come forward and approach the council to answer some questions pertaining to the block party. Mr. Patel stated that he contacted as many local businesses to make sure that they are included and to make sure that this event will not impede on their business that day also. Mr. Patel stated that they spun the event to incorporate all the businesses. The event will run from noon to 4 p.m., but would like to propose a 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. time frame for setup and tear down. Mr. Patel wanted the council to know how humble he was to allow his business to have the opportunity to be in La Salle. This event will allow for his business to collaborate with the other local businesses and also give back to the city of La Salle. There will be a tour bus at the event that will feature different products and devices for the community to see and become aware of how to live a healthier lifestyle. The event will open up with a 30-40min yoga session by Starved Rock Yoga. QHit Music and WALLS102 radio group will be doing a live broadcast at the event.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request from Sam Patel to close a portion of First Street between Wright and Gooding streets from 10am-6pm to host "Summer LIVs on Block Party". Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mayor Grove thanked Mr. Patel for hosting this event and everything they have done.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file Building Inspectors Report for June 2021 showing total fees collected of \$1,360 with total value of construction \$186,057.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the thank you letter from Rosemary Volpe.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request from the Finance Committee to purchase a 2022 F350 Chassis 4x4 for the Pump Station & Laboring Supervisor Service Vehicle with a state bid of \$57,695.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Aldermen Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak approved the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request to change the "No Parking" signs on the west side of the 1600 block of Campbell to be only in effect during school hours.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve the request recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee regarding a request for a handicapped parking space at the northeast corner of First and Hennepin Streets.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak approved recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee to paint the curb yellow from the south and east corner of the fence back to the corner of Gooding and Ninth on the Ninth Street Side.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds recommendation of the Streets, Alleys, and Traffic Committee regarding a request to remove the speed bump closest to 11th Street in the Alley north of 11th Street and east of Marquette Street, adjacent to Lincoln Jr. High School's west side.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Aldermen Lavieri and seconded by Aldermen Jeppson to authorize and pay Estimate #3 to Trotter General Contracting, Inc totaling \$76,335.30 for work completed to date on the 9th Street Pump Station.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Aldermen Lavieri and seconded by Aldermen Jeppson to authorize and pay Estimate #2 to Tieman Builders, Inc. totaling \$92,520.36 for work completed to date on the Rotary Park Phase III - Restroom Facility program.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mayor Grove mentioned that Twisty Freeze was supposed to have their 45th Celebration last Saturday but was rained out so they were hoping to reschedule for this upcoming Sunday. The city originally granted them the request to block off Lindberg. Straw vote was taken. All were in Favor. The city council will ratify in two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Crane and Alderman Jeppson to send the request for resident parking at 936 10th St. to Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee.

Mayor Grove wanted to acknowledge Lynda and the Park department for their work and dedication to the parks and fields during all this rain and to all the volunteers helping out.

Alderman Herndon wanted to also acknowledge what a great job that the baseball organization is doing.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Aldermen Reynolds and Aldermen Demes to approve the ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the City of LaSalle, LaSalle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022. Each and every alderman has a copy.

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

COMMENTS

La Salle resident Lenoard Keenan from the Rockwell area wanted to share his concerns with the garbage pickup. He has caught the garbage company dumping both his recycling and garbage into the same container. The company did state that if something was contaminated that they would not be separating the items and they would be throwing it all together.

Mayor Grove acknowledged the resident's concern and made sure they would continue to follow up with the Republic company. A significant amount of complaints have been made with Republic Services.

The city will make a point to remind residents to clean out the recycling material before placing it in the recycling bins to be collected.

City Engineer Brown spoke in regards to all the progress that has been made around the city. The milling machine was delivered today. They will get started milling Wednesday and then pave Monday or Tuesday of next week. Weather permitting, the area should be paved by the beginning of next week. Mayor Grove is very impressed on how well the progress of this project has gone. It went fairly quickly. The original completion date was mid September.

At Rotary Park, 3 of the 4 major projects are underway. Work is continuing on the path. They are continuing to shoot grades to make sure it is ADA accessible. Once the weather dries, the final shaping will happen and stone will be next. Paving will probably happen in late August.

The Shelter plumbing is complete. It is ready for the roofing system to be put in and interior blocks. The progress went faster than expected. The shelter will be in service before the end of the summer.

Progress continues at the shelter back by the lake. The main concrete floor and pad have been placed. Tieman builders will continue the progress with the posts and roofing system.

No bid has been placed for the fishing pier. Brown has located a fairly local company that installs floating dock systems. As the ice forms it would push it up from the ice, and not sit on the ice. The Rochelle Park district uses this system. They will be putting one more of these systems in the next two weeks. Brown hopes to take a field trip soon to watch the installation of this system. There is \$40,000 in the grant. The price on the pier is about \$28,000, and the City could save \$11,000 by doing the installation themselves. If this is certain, no removal of these docks would be necessary.

Brown called IDOT if they would be able to grind Crosat from 5th to 11th. This would allow for the Crosat project to move forward.

For the 351 project, the bid was in June and awarded late last month. The job will begin probably late July. Bid was awarded to Advanced Asphalt out of Princeton. The bid was for \$3.2 million. It is quite a bit of work. He was unsure if it will be paved this year. Brown will be part of their pre construction meetings, so they will be able to contact him if there are any questions or concerns on the City's end.

The Route 351 and Civic project is going pretty well. Deet Construction is doing the off site work for Thortons. Modifications have been made on a couple utilities locations. Progress will continue at that site.

Mayor Grove reviewed the progress of the 24th St. project. LaSalle owns 75%, Peru owns 25%. There may be some concerns about it being late season. If Peru doesn't have their appropriations passed, the city of LaSalle could work out an intergovernmental agreement to pay back if the project were to get started.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept, pay, and place on file bills for June 28, 2021 with Total Submitted: \$681,359.58 (Total Payroll \$202,935.72, Bills to be paid \$84,261.49, Total Bills Paid \$394,162.37).

AYE: Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Herndon, Crane

NAY: None **Absent:** None **Abstain:** None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 7:28pm



Amy Quinn, City Clerk